Stork Wings

A place for families
Brittany needs a better way to escape from the NICU because she feels overwhelmed by the lack of privacy.

Jen needs a warm and inviting space in the NICU because she feels alienated and unwelcome in the open bay environment.
HOW MIGHT WE
create an intimate space for parents and baby within an open bay?
PORCHES

PROTOTYPE ONE
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PROTOTYPE TWO
1. The design would be better with enough room for a couple. “It’s a very stressful time, and you need to support one another.”

2. Make sure the space is not claustrophobic. “I think people would be more comfortable with an open top.”

3. “I like the idea of [designing] space. Sometimes you just want to draw curtains around and be by yourself… alone just to deal and be with your baby.”
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PROTOTYPE THREE
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1. “Cleaning is a huge thing. Infection control is enormously important. You have to think about who’s going to put it in the wash and store it properly.”

2. “Can medical staff get in quickly if there’s an emergency?”

3. “Nurses need to see the child and monitors,” so the height and placement of things are important considerations.

4. Stork Wings should be available at each bedside. A few partition curtains are available in the step-down nursery, but “with seven mothers in a room, it becomes a battle.”
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NEXT STEPS

1. Fan material, selection and storage
2. Joint mechanism design
3. Wall attachment
4. Customization opportunities
5. Continued testing and iteration
THANK YOU

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